

*STAFFORD COUNTY  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY - JULY 7, 2011*

The Stafford County Historical Commission held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, July 7, 2011, in Conference Room ABC, Government Center; 1300 Courthouse Road. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Anita Dodd.

*ROLL CALL*

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Anita Dodd - Chair	P		Kathy Baker - Assistant Director - Planning & Zoning
Ann Best-Rolls - Vice Chair	P		Terry Baxley Morton - Commission Clerk
Barbara Kirby - Secretary	P		
Jane Conner	P		
David Rodriguez MD	P		
Frank White	P		

*PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC* - D.P. Newton - Local Historian - Member of FSCWP.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

- The May 5, 2011 minutes were unanimously approved.

*UNFINISHED BUSINESS*

- Phase 1 Archeological Survey of Stafford Civil War Park Access Road Limits of Disturbance - Correspondence - Meeting.

- Anita Dodd said she attended a meeting with Jeff Harvey, Director, Planning & Zoning; Keith Dayton, Director, Public Works and Tim Baroody, Deputy County Administrator regarding the correspondence and the phase 1 report.
- A correspondence was crafted by Anita Dodd and approved by the Commission regarding the archeological survey.
- The correspondence was not sent to the Army Corp of Engineers and the National Guard per instruction of participants of the meeting. The correspondence was sent to County staff only.
- Participants of the meeting did not feel additional agencies would fully understand the correspondence and it would cause unnecessary confusion.
- Participants of the meeting provided Anita Dodd with a set of plans for the Civil War Park.
- The Historical Commission felt it had not been properly informed of the proceedings of the park.
- The road in question, in the report, will not be compromised.
- The Commission desires to get additional information from NPS (National Park Service) on guidelines for park management plans.
- Ann Best-Rolls said it is important that the Commission hear from FSCWS what it went through to get this opportunity and project from the National Guard. It is a great asset, the County is fortunate to receive.
- The Commission feels it has not received adequate communication from the Park Committee and the County, but it feels communication will now greatly improve.
- The Commission unanimously approved, not submitting a correspondence, regarding the subject, period.
- The Commission decided to invite Glen Trimmer, Chris Hoppe and Keith Dayton to its September meeting.

### *REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS*

- Jane Conner said the sign on Warrenton Road, in Falmouth, by the new 7-11 convenience store, reads parts instead of ports. She said the sign still needs to be corrected. The instructions for such signs state draft text for the signs will be reviewed by the U.S. Army War College, Military History Institute and local Stafford Historians. She wants to make sure this criterion is followed so there are not any mistakes.
- Ann Best-Rolls suggested possibly changing the design of street name signs, in Falmouth, to a more historical format, rather than the traditional green and white signs currently in use.
- Ann Best-Rolls is very concerned about trash along the Blue Gray Highway, the Ferry Farm area and the Chatham Heights intersection. She said it is unacceptable. The Commission attempted to come up with a solution. She would like to write a letter to VDOT, but realizes the budget is an issue.
- Frank White told the Commission of a tour of Sherwood Farm entitled the "History at Sunset Program".
- Barbara Kirby said the ARB (Architectural Review Board) is discussing possibly getting Sherwood Forest on the National Register, or at least designated as a historic district. The ARB is also contemplating talking to Glenn Trimmer about nominating the Civil War Park to be designated a historic district.
- Anita Dodd asked Kathy Baker, what is involved to change the boundary property line to include the Sherwood Forest barn and slave quarter. Kathy Baker said the owner would have to initiate a boundary line adjustment.
- Barbara Kirby said she is researching John W. Coleman who was in business with George Taylor, a slave dealer in Fredericksburg, along with Walter H. Finnall. She said John W. Coleman is buried in a cemetery in Stafford. The grave was recently discovered.
- Ann Best-Rolls asked if there is anything the Commission can do to spread more awareness about the slave quarter at Sherwood. Barbara Kirby suggested getting an op-ed written for the newspaper. Anita Dodd said to continuously bring it up and keep everyone aware.
- Glenn Trimmer, with the FSCWS, was not able to attend the Commission meeting. He sent word, he will be attending future meetings, to keep the lines of communication open with the Commission regarding the park's status.
- Barbara Kirby said the *Bay Journal* recently published an article about park services' preservation of land. The article highlighted Civil War land.

### *REPORT BY COMMISSION CHAIR*

- Anita Dodd said the buildings, the Commission had hoped to have moved or saved in the Falmouth area were deemed not worth the expense and effort. The demolition will not transpire for a while. Anita Dodd has requested time to record, measure and draw the buildings.
- The Commission unanimously approved signing the MOA (memorandum of agreement) for the Falmouth intersection.
- Anita Dodd said Mountain View Road is going to be straightened soon. She spoke with Mike Lott, Environmental Planner, about the old post office. She gave Mike Lott a copy of a letter from the Commission so he could pass it along to the appropriate parties.

### *ADJOURNMENT*

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

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Anita Dodd - Commission Chair

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Barbara Kirby - Commission Secretary